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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title of this application with the following rewritten version:

~~AIR-CONDITIONING-CONDITIONER~~ OUTDOOR UNIT, AIR CONDITIONER,
AND COMPRESSOR UNIT

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Please replace the *title* at page 1, line 2 with the following revised title:

~~AIR-CONDITIONING-CONDITIONER~~ OUTDOOR UNIT, AIR CONDITIONER,
AND COMPRESSOR UNIT

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-339958 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4 with the following rewritten version:

As described above, the compressor 51, the four-way switching valve 52, the outdoor heat exchanger 53, the expansion valve 54 and the like are housed inside the outdoor unit casing of the air-conditioning outdoor unit. For this reason, vibration and noise of the compressor 51 and the like are transmitted to the outdoor unit casing via pipes and the like, and leak to the outside from the outdoor unit casing. In order to avoid this phenomenon, air-conditioning outdoor units are known where a vibration absorbing mechanism comprising a trap portion or a loop portion is disposed in pipes laid inside the outdoor unit casing (e.g., see Patent Document 1 and Patent Document 2, for example, Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 08-014705 and 09-089417). In these air-conditioning outdoor units, as shown in FIG. 9, a vibration absorbing mechanism 63 is disposed between the four-way switching valve 52 and the compressor 51, and alleviates the vibration and noise of the compressor 51 and the like.

Please remove the paragraph at page 2, line 15 as follows:

~~<Patent Document 1>~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 2, line 16 as follows:

~~Japanese Patent Application Publication (JP-A) No. 8-14705 (FIG. 1)~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 2, line 17 as follows:

~~<Patent Document 2>~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 2, line 18 as follows:

~~Japanese Patent Application Publication (JP-A) No. 9-89417 (FIG. 1)~~

Please replace the heading at page 2, line 19, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

Please remove the heading at page 4, line 19, as follows:

~~DESCRIPTION OF REFERENCE NUMERALS~~

Please remove the paragraph on page 4, line 20 as follows:

- ~~1 — Compressor~~
- ~~1a — Discharge Port~~
- ~~1b — Intake Port~~
- ~~2 — Four Way Switching Valve~~
- ~~3 — Outdoor Heat Exchanger~~
- ~~6a, 6b — Primary Ports~~
- ~~7a, 7b — Secondary Ports~~

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~~11~~ ~~External Connection Port~~

~~20, 21~~ ~~Flexible Pipes~~

Please replace the heading at page 4, line 29, with the following rewritten version:

~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

Please add the following new heading at page 9, between lines 1 and 2:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: